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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	Administrative Action
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF:	:	
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THOMAS PIROZZI, R.P.	:	
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TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE	:	ORDER FOR SURRENDER OF
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	LICENSE
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy upon receipt of information that on or about March 6, 1998, Thomas Pirozzi had allegedly diverted controlled dangerous substances and prescription legend items, to wit Ativan, a controlled dangerous substance and syringes, from the active drug stock of his employer, St. Vincent's Medical Center of Richmond in Staten Island, New York. At the time, Respondent was working as a systems analyst, but had access to the pharmacy as part of his employment.

It appearing that in lieu of a proceeding seeking to temporarily suspend respondent's license to practice pharmacy pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, respondent, without admitting to any of the allegations, has voluntarily agreed to surrender his license

to practice pharmacy and refrain from further practice of pharmacy pending a plenary hearing before the Board.

IT IS THEREFORE, ON THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 1998,

ORDERED AND AGREED, that the license of Thomas Pirozzi, R.P. to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended, pending further order of the Board, and it is further

ORDERED AND AGREED, effective upon the execution of this Order by respondent, pending further order of the Board, respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of pharmacy including the following: respondent shall not handle, order, inventory, compound, count, fill, refill or dispense any drug; he shall not handle anything requiring a prescription including devices and medications; he shall not handle prescriptions; he shall not advise or consult with patients, and he is prohibited from being present within a prescription filing area of a pharmacy, and it is further,

ORDERED AND AGREED, that respondent shall, upon execution of the within Order, surrender his original wall certificate, his wallet renewal card and the most recent renewal card of his license to an authorized representative of the Board, and it is further

ORDERED AND AGREED, nothing herein shall preclude the Board from taking any additional action in this matter permitted by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Michele P. Gerbino, R.P.  
Michele Gerbino, President

I have read the within Order  
and understand it. I agree  
to be bound by its terms and  
hereby consrnt to it being  
entered by the New Jersey  
Board of Pharmacy.

Thomas Pirozzi  
Thomas Pirozzi, R.Ph

Dated: May 6, 1998